Application Serial No. 09/852,959

Amendment B - AFTER FINAL EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED

Reply to Office Action of June 29, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 25, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 29, 2005, wherein:

Claims 7-26 were previously pending; and

Claims 7-26 were rejected.

After careful consideration of the Examiner's rejections in the above-identified Final Office Action, Applicants have canceled claims 7-11, 14-19, and 21-25 and redrafted remaining dependent claims 12, 20, and 26 in independent format thereby merely "canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action," and/or "presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal," as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b). Consequently, claims 12, 13, 20 and 26 are currently pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment and request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the present Office Action, claims 12, 13, 20 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable under Windows 98 Unleashed, Chapter 33: Exploring the Web with Internet Explorer, Paul McFedries, Sam's Publishing (May 1998) (herein after "McFedries"), essentially restating a rejection of Applicants' claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) previously made in the Non-Final Office Action dated April 30, 2005. While not conceding that the Examiner's cited references qualify as prior art but rather in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have elected to maintain their prior traversal of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants reserve the right, for example in a continuation application, to establish that one or more of the Examiner's cited reference do not qualify as prior art with respect to the invention embodiments claimed in the above-identified application.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable and earnestly solicit a notice to that effect,

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for the submission of this amendment. In the event such an extension of time is required however, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0449.

Respectfully submitted,

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